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Cast

Lois Markham	Ruth Reneck
Steve Maitland	Edward Hearn
Capt. Markham	Walt Whitman
Capt. Blackton	Fred Stanton
Atel	Paki
Kalom	Taura

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Directed by Arthur Rosson

Synopsis

Capt. Markham, seeking to return to the South Sea Island where he had been shipwrecked, and where he had buried treasure, charts the ship of Blackton, villainous sea-captain. His mate is Steve Maitland, devoting his life to the search of the man who had caused his sister's death when the latter, to save her honor, leaped from the vessel which was bringing her to her brother.

Capt. Markham takes his daughter Lois with him. She and Steve become strong friends, while Blackton, brutal passion aroused, loses no chance to humiliate and annoy Steve.

One day, Capt. Blackton gives Lois a book, and on the fly-leaf she reads the name "Gloria Maitland"—Steve's sister. She tears out the page and keeps it hidden.

The schooner reaches the island just as the natives are holding strange ceremonies to choose the Fire-Bride, who is forced to live in a mysterious volcanic grotto, from which few ever return.

Capt. Markham, Blackton and a few of his villainous comrades go ashore. Capt. Markham leads the way to the treasure and digs it up. Blackton whips out his pistol and shoots down Markham, then returns aboard ship with the treasure, telling Maitland and the horror-struck girl that her father was killed by one of the natives.

Blackton, superstitious, goes ashore again to bury Markham's body. He wanders into the fire grotto and finds there the fire-bride Atel, who thinks he is the god.

Meanwhile, Lois and Steve, having come ashore, are caught in a tropical storm which lashes the island, hurls them battered and unconscious on the beach, and wrecks the schooner lying in the offing.

Blackton, tiring quickly of the attentions of the fire-bride, starts to leave the grotto, and when she follows, he fells her with a blow. Thus she is found by her lover, a native warrior, who carries her back to the settlement, where the girl tells of the white man's desecration. The war drums boom.

Blackton has stumbled into the hut where Lois is sheltered, when the native band swoops down, seizes Steve, the first to appear, and drags him off. The natives discover their mistake and Steve returns, warning Blackton the natives are coming for him. Only then does Lois reveal the secret of the torn fly-leaf, and the fact that it is Blackton who caused Gloria Maitland's death.

Like a wild beast, Steve tears through the jungle after Blackton, and leaps upon him. They are battling savagely, when the native hunt-party surrounds them, and bears Blackton off to his doom.

So the two alone are left of the schooner's party, and when, some time afterwards, a pearl-fishing fleet picks them up, they know beyond mistake they have found romance more precious than treasure.

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